

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2011 FILE REF: Stewardship Application

TO: Daniel Kaemmerer, SER Financial Assistance Specialist

FROM: Kyle Drake, SER Recreation Safety Warden

SUBJECT: Stewardship Grant Application NBOA Review –Pike River Improvement Project – Phase 7, 8 and 9, Village of Mt. Pleasant, Racine County

I have completed my review of the "Public Access and Acceptable Uses" document as part of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant application submitted by the Village of Mount Pleasant for proposed acquisition of 88.6 acres of land adjacent to the Pike River. Following are my comments and recommendations regarding the Nature-Based Outdoor Activities (NBOA) which would be prohibited for public safety reasons on this property.

Hunting – The proposed acquisition is 88.6 acres and is located within the boundaries of the Village of Mt. Pleasant. This property would be an expansion of the existing Pike River Project which is primarily a hiking and biking trail. The proposed purchase is a narrow strip of land adjacent to about 1.5 miles of the Pike River. The project area is located in the Village of Mt. Pleasant. The grant project access and acceptable uses proposed would accommodate multiple "user group" activities. The discharge of firearms and bow is currently prohibited in this section of the Village of Mt. Pleasant for public safety purposes.

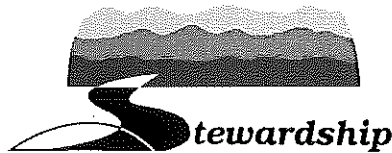
Given the factors listed above it is my professional opinion that the prohibition of hunting is necessary to protect public safety on this property.

Trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing – Trapping, fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing are not prohibited on this property.

Approved Kevin Mickelberg, SER Regional Warden:

K. J. Mickelberg 11-18-11

DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds



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NOTE TO DNR STAFF: This completed form will be attached to the WEPA+NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. In "Staff Narrative" sections below each NBOA, summarize sponsor's reason for prohibition based on the 3 allowable exceptions.

Applicant/ Sponsor: Village of Mount Pleasant

Year of Application: 2011

Project Name and Primary Purpose (after acquisition): Pike River Acquisitions – Phases 7, 8 and 9; riverfront trail development

Project Description: See WEPA Notice

Plan(s) or Reports Identifying Project Area as Priority:

Comprehensive Plan for the Pike River Watershed, SEWRPC, 1987; A Park and Open Space Plan for Racine County; Mt. Pleasant year 2030 Master Plan; Mount Pleasant Park and Open Space Plan

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist**HUNTING****DNR Staff Narrative: Property will not be open to hunting.**

Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography: Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site. Land to be acquired in these phases are relatively narrow corridors along approximately 1.5 miles of the Pike River not conducive to hunting that are intended for year-round trail use – hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. The properties are in close proximity to residential and commercial development and adjoining additional trail corridor lands where hunting is prohibited. The village also has ordinances that prohibit the use of weapons within the village where this trail corridor will be located and in village parks. Please see the initial assessment of the NBOA prohibition conducted by the local recreation safety warden, pursuant to s. NR 52.05 (1) (a), Wis. Adm. Code.

Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply.

- ☒ The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- ☒ Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy
- ☐ Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads
- ☐ Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium
- ☒ Ordinance exists –
- ☒ Discharge or carrying a weapon
- ☒ Hunting within park
- ☒ Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.
- ☒ Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
- ☐ Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- ☒ Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- ☐ Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- ☐ Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

Unique Plant and Animal Communities Factors Considered: Check all that apply.

- ☐ Federal listed endangered species
- ☐ State listed endangered species
- ☐ Federal listed threatened species
- ☐ State listed threatened species
- ☐ Federal listed species of special concern
- ☐ State listed species of special concern

	Allowable species (Gun)	Allowable species (bow)	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	None	None	N/A
Small Game	None	None	N/A
Turkey	None	None	N/A
Large Game	None	None	N/A

TRAPPING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Trapping will be allowed on the property.**Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography:** Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site.☐ **No Water On Site****Public Safety Factors Considered:** Check all that apply.

- ☐ Size/shape of parcel
- ☐ The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- ☐ Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 13.(1)(b)(12), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints.
- ☐ Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.
- ☐ Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
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Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Per State Regulation	Per State Regulation
Water	Per State Regulation	Per State Regulation

FISHING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Fishing will be allowed on the property.**Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography:** Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site.☐ **No Water on Site****Public Safety Factors Considered:** Check all that apply.

- ☐ Ordinance exists – ☐ _____.
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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Per State Regulation	Per State Regulation
Boat	Per State Regulation	Per State Regulation

HIKING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Hiking will be allowed on the property.**Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography:** Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site.**Public Safety Factors Considered:** Check all that apply.

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Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	All year
Off-Trail	Yes	All year

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Cross-country skiing will be allowed on the property.**Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography:** Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site.**Public Safety Factors Considered:** Check all that apply.

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Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Snow season
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Snow season
On-Trail (groomed)	No	N/A

